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SUBJECT: TURKEY REVISES REQUEST FOR SECOND MISSION TO MOSUL

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s for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[11](#). (C/REL USA, GBR, AUS, CAN) Turkish Mosul Consul General-designate H. Avni Botsali contacted us May 24 to convey the GOT's revised request for limited CF support for his next mission to Mosul. Botsali reported that the Governor of Ninewah Province has undergone successful surgery at an Ankara military hospital and is recuperating. Botsali now hopes to travel to Mosul on June 1 or 2 directly from Ankara on a Turkish military C-130 with the Governor, about seven GOT staff, and an armored vehicle. An additional nine or so security personnel will drive over the Turkey-Iraq border ahead of time in three armored vehicles and meet the airplane in Mosul. The Turkish team will be housed by the Ninewah Governor and will stay in Mosul for about a week, during which time Botsali plans to formally take possession of the consulate property, sign the necessary contracts and paperwork, engage some local staff, and hire contractors to survey the property and decide on necessary improvements.

[12](#). (C/REL USA, GBR, AUS, CAN) Per reftel, Botsali repeated that the Governor of Ninewah will provide a security escort while the Turkish team moves about in Mosul. He added that PRT Mosul/TF Band of Brothers personnel are welcome to join him if they wish, but he is not/not making this a request. Another change is that Botsali and his team plan to drive back to Turkey, stopping in Dohuk to call on the provincial governor and on Iraqi officials in Zakho.

[13](#). (C/REL USA, GBR, AUS, CAN) To summarize Botsali's request for CF assistance:

--Landing clearance for one Turkish military C-130 (we understand Turkey now has a reliable system for such requests through their liaison officer at CENTCOM HQ);

--Security escort for three Turkish vehicles from the border to Mosul and (upon completion of Botsali's visit) for four Turkish vehicles from Mosul to the Turkish border. We asked Botsali if the Iraqis could provide this. He said he had made the request but was unsure if they would be able to. Additionally, we believe escort may only be needed from the Green Line to Mosul, not all the way from the border. Given that Botsali now plans to make calls in Dohuk and Zakho as he drives from Mosul to Turkey, we understand this could make a MNF-I escort north of the Green Line all that much more

complicated.

--Botsali recalled that on his last visit he and his team were issued papers they could provide to pass through security checks--he asked these be reissued.

--Calls on PRT Chief Munter and BG Rife. Among other issues, Botsali seeks a current political and security assessment of Mosul and to engage on establishing a system for reaching out to PRT Mosul in case of "a crisis."

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